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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 1248

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, CG, OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJ: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S TRIP

REF: STATE 32946 (NOTAL)

1. THE DAO HERE HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE FLIGHT PLANS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE UNDER SECRETARY TO TRAVEL BETWEEN KINSHASA AND LAGOS FEBRUARY 22, AS OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL. THE UNDER SECRETARY'S FIVE-MEMBER PARTY CAN BE ACCOMMODATED BY THE DAO'S BEECHCRAFT AIR KING WHICH WILL CARRY 1200 LBS. IN PASSENGER WEIGHT (IN ADDITION TO CREW) AND 150 POUNDS IN BAGGAGE. UNUSED PASSENGER WEIGHT CAN BE CARRIED AS LUGGAGE. WE THINK, GHEREFORE, THAT THE PLANE WILL HOLD GROUP IF BAGGAGE IS KEPT TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. MARGIN WOULD BE INCREASED IF ONE STAFF MEMBER COULD TAKE PAA 185 TO LAGOS ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 23.

2. THE PREFERRED ROUTE IS A DIRECT FLIGHT FROM KINSHASA TO LIBREVILLE, THEREBY OVERFLYING CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE, REFEULING IN LIBREVILLE, AND AN ONWARD FLIGHT FROM LIBREVILLE INTO LAGOS. FLYING TIME FOR THIS ROUTE WOULD BE 5-1/2 HOURS, NOT INCLUDING REFUELING TIME IN LIBRE-
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VILLE. THIS ROUTE WOULD ALSO REQUIRE OVERFLIGHT OF

CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE WITH WHOM WE MAINTAIN NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BUT OVER WHICH COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS REGULARLY FLY. THE DAO WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FROM BRAZZAVILLE'S LOCAL EMBASSY. ESTIMATED COST OF TRIP: \$2200.

3. IF THE OVERFLIGHT AUTHORIZATION NOT FORTHCOMING OR IF THE UNDER SECRETARY WOULD PREFER NOT TO OVERFLY BRAZZAVILLE, THE LONGER ROUTE TO LIBREVILLE WOULD TAKE THE PLANE DOWN TO THE COAST AT KITONA AND THEN TO LIBREVILLE WHERE THE PLANE WOULD BE REFUELED BEFORE CONTINUING TO LAGOS. THIS ROUTE WOULD REQUIRE 6-1/2 HOURS FLYING TIME, NOT INCLUDING REFUELING TIME. ESTIMATED COST OF TRIP: \$2600.

4. AS SOON AS RESPONSE RECEIVED, WE WILL CONTACT LAGOS AND LIBREVILLE FOR APPROPRIATE FLIGHT CLEARANCES.

5. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO RAISE QUESTION OF PRESS COVERAGE FOR UNDER SECRETARY'S TRIP. THERE MAY BE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS IN KINSHASA DURING UNDER SECRETARY'S TRIP COVERING THE ANGOLAN SITUATION; THE VOA HAS A REPORTER HERE WHO PLANS TO STAY UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. WILL THE UNDER SECRETARY WISH TO MEET WITH AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, AND WILL HE AGREE TO AN INTERVIEW WITH THE VOA HERE?
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